

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

A rReplaceable cartridge filtering jug ~~comprising means~~ includes a device for counting and displaying the filtering cycles performed by the cartridge to indicate that the cartridge is exhausted at the end of a period corresponding to its efficient useful life, ~~in which~~ An auxiliary counting and display ~~means~~ device is also included which is capable of counting the filtering cycles performed in a subsidiary period of the period to indicate an item of data representing the temporary efficiency of the cartridge in the subsidiary period ~~are provided~~.